

Few people seem disposed to believe that he can have more to occupy him than those who hold the other necessary militia commissions. The statements accompanying this, will shew, in part the necessity of such an office, as regards the intercourse between the state and the Federal Government. With regard to the Militia of Maryland, he is the only responsible officer in the state, the only channel through which the constituted authorities can be informed, as to any point relative to the Militia, and, without such an officer in case a draft was demanded, or in case of any sudden emergency, the State would be placed in a very awkward position.

His duty is to procure annually a return of the Militia, and in its present deranged state it can only be procured by his individual exertions. He issues all orders, publishes them, records them, and attends to the execution of them. He has to make out all blank forms for returns, attend to the printing of them, and forward as many as are necessary for the return to each of the returning officers in the State, the number of which is about one hundred and twenty. He has to attend to all correspondence between the Commander in Chief and the Department of the United States Government upon military subjects, and record it. To receive all communications from the officers of the Militia, record them and communicate them to the Commander in Chief.—To keep a file of all commissions resigned and record the resignations. To keep a record of all appointments. To make out, whenever called on by any militia officer (and those calls happen often) a transcript from the records. To correspond with all officers who require it, and which occurs by almost every mail, and he has frequently to devote considerable time to gentlemen who call, personally, for information. He has annually to make a return of the effective militia, and the arms, &c. in their hands, of the militia, as well as in the public Arsenals of the State, to the President of the United States and to the Governor of Maryland, besides the office copy. To report to the Governor annually, the number and state of arms, ammunition, &c. loaned to the several corps. He will conclude with an extract from a communication made by the Adjutant and Inspector General of the United States to the President in the year 1820,—Speaking of those States who had made no return, and Maryland was one, he makes the following remarks. “It appears some of the State laws contain no provision for paying the Adjutant General, and the Brigade